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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Kuo-Liang Peng

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/5/05 Amendment.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-3, 5-8, 18-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-3, 5-8, 18-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Applicants' amendment filed on August 5, 2005 was received. Claims 1, 4 and 9-17 are deleted. Claims 2, 3 and 5 are amended. Claims 18-20 are added. Now, Claims 2-3, 5-8 and 18-20 are pending.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office Action (Paper No. 0405).

3. It is noted that there is a typographical error in the paragraphs 5 and 7 of the previous Office action. Claim 3 should have been rejected because obviously, -B-R⁴ is not necessarily present. Accordingly, the newly added Claim 19 is rejected. Examiner apologizes for causing any inconvenience.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. Rejection of Claims 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is maintained because the rejection is adequately set forth in paragraph 3 of Paper No. 0405. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not

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persuasive. The focus argument related to the core patentability is discussed below.

For Applicants' argument (Remarks, page 12, 3rd paragraph), note that the instant claim merely describe how a polyester is attached to a polysiloxane and vice versa. However, as mentioned in the previous Office action, it is not clear how to prepare an organopolysiloxane wherein R^4 is a glycerol, polyglycerol, etc. Note that the glycerol, polyglycerol, etc. are attached to polysiloxane, not attached to the polyester. Furthermore, not all R^4 are polyhydroxyorganyl radical, i.e., R^4 can be radicals such as carboxylate, sulfate, etc.

5. Claims 2, 5-8 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In Claims 2 and 5, in the definition of R^4 , note that not all radicals are polyhydroxyorganyl radicals, i.e., the Markush language is improper.

6. Claims 2 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

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Ichinohe (US 5 385 730) does not teach or fairly suggest a) an organopolysiloxane copolymer containing the specific $[-(O=C)S-O-]_t$ set forth in Claim 2; and b) the specific method set forth in Claim 5.

7. Claims 6-8 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The patentability of the instant claims is described in the previous paragraph.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claim 20 is allowed.

9. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present claims are allowable for at least the following reason(s) over the closest reference: Ichinohe.

Ichinohe does not teach or fairly suggest a) an organopolysiloxane copolymer containing the specific $[-(O=C)S-O-]_t$ set forth in the instant claim.

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10. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.


11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kuo-Liang Peng whose telephone number is (571) 272-1091. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski, can be reached on

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(571) 272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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